

**PUBLIC WORKS AND
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 5, 2002

To: Planning Commission

From: Allan Abbott

Subject: *Recommendations Re: February 6th Draft Comprehensive Plan*

cc: Roger Figard, Steve Masters, Nicole Fleck-Tooze - PW/U Dept.
Lynn Johnson - Parks Dept.

Below is a list of clarifications and recommendations for revisions to the February 6th Draft Comprehensive Plan. The first two items were previously submitted but were not considered by the Comprehensive Plan Committee due to time constraints. Item 3 references the inclusion of two utilities figures that should be included in the Plan.

1. On Page E 29, under the heading "Floodplains," correct the definitions of Floodway and Floodfringe by replacing the sentence defining them to read as follows:

"For regulatory purposes, the floodplain is often divided into the floodway, composed of the stream channel and adjacent overbank area, and the floodfringe, or outer portion of the floodplain."

2. On Page F-82, under the heading "Floodplain Management," add an additional sentence to the end of the second paragraph to read:

"Special consideration should also be given to the Salt Creek floodplain from Van Dorn Street to Superior Street where the FEMA Flood Insurance Study recommends preserving flood storage so as not to increase flood heights greater than one foot."

3. After further discussion, we would like to include figures depicting future water and wastewater lines. The current draft does not include these figures; instead, it references the current water and wastewater master plans and notes that once the new master plans are adopted, they will be included in the new Plan.

Therefore, please note that the Plan should be revised to include figures depicting future water and wastewater lines. We will work with the Planning Department to provide maps for your use.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 5, 2002

To: Kent Morgan

Company/Department: Planning Department

From: Allan Abbott, Director *Allan Abbott*

Subject: Requested Amendment to February 2, 2002 Draft Comprehensive Plan regarding Future Roadway Improvements

Following further staff review of the February 2, 2002, draft Comprehensive Plan document, I am requesting several map corrections and one change to the proposed future street system:

Requested Map Corrections

The following changes are being requested to correct errors in the maps published as part of the February 2, 2002, draft Comprehensive Plan.

Projects & Studies: Lincoln Area Street & Roadway Improvements 2025

Map On Page F-104

- West Van Dorn from approximately Coddington Avenue to Highway 77 is incorrectly shown as a "2 + Center Turn Lane" facility. It should be corrected to be shown as a "4 Lanes + Center Turn Lane" facility. Any accompany text should be similarly corrected.

Right of Way Standards

Map On Page F-110

- 'O' Street from approximately 44th Street to 52nd Street should have been shown with 140 ft. of ROW.
- Vine Street from approximately 19th street to 26th Street should have been shown with 80 ft. of ROW.
- Nebraska Highway 2 from just east of the 40th Street intersection to just east of the Old Cheney Road intersection should have been shown with 140 ft. of ROW.

Requested Change in Future Street System

Based upon further consideration of the recommendations contained in the February 2, 2002, draft Plan, I am requesting the following change be made to the proposed Future Street System for Lincoln, as shown on the map on Page 104, entitled, "Projects & Studies: Lincoln Area Street & Roadway Improvements 2025," and in any accompanying text.

- Change Humphrey Avenue from a "4 Lanes + Center Turn Lane" designation to "2 Lanes + Center Turn Lanes" from North 1st Street to North 14th Street.
- Show Pennsylvania Avenue with a "2 Lanes + Center Turn Lanes" designation from North 1st Street to North 14th Street.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 5, 2002

To: Kent Morgan

Company/Department: Planning Department

From: Allan Abbott, Director *Allan Abbott*

Subject: Requested Amendment to February 2, 2002 Draft Comprehensive Plan to "Transportation System Management Program" Section

As a follow up to comments made during the Planning Commission's working session on February 27, 2002, I reviewed the "Transportation Systems Management Program" (Page F-118 through F-121) section of the Mobility and Transportation Chapter of the February 2, 2002, draft Comprehensive Plan. Based up that review, I am suggesting that the language contained in the February 2, 2002, draft be replaced with the wording presented below. My proposed language keeps some of the wording from the draft Plan, deletes portions, and adds new wording where appropriate.

**PROPOSED REPLACEMENT LANGUAGE
FOR PAGES F-118 THROUGH F-121:**

Transportation System Management Program

Effectively managing the metropolitan area's transportation system requires an ongoing program of monitoring and data collection.

This Plan recognizes the efforts of the Congestion Management Task Force during the mid-1990's and its contribution to the street planning process. The work of this citizen group has already resulted in many changes to the City's roadway network. These changes includes physical improvements to the street system (e.g., the expanded use of the "2 plus center turn lane" street design), the way data are collected and evaluated, and the means for measuring the performance of City's roadway network.

The technical foundation provided by the Congestion Management Task Force has served the community well. It has resulted in a better understanding of the area's transportation and travel needs.

One notable contribution has been the travel time analysis program put in place as a result of the Task Force's efforts. This program began on a modest scale with the collection of average travel speeds along a handful of corridors. Since then, the program has been expanded to include large portions of the urban area.

The expanded data collection program allows the community and transportation technicians to take a broader look of how Lincoln's street system is working. By examining changes in travel speed across large areas, system level improvements -- rather than merely corridor level changes -- can be assessed and then put in place. This system level approach to planning and engineering will form the basis for the next generation of evaluation procedures that further extends the work of the Congestion Management Task Force.

An annual transportation report should be prepared by the MPO Technical Committee as part of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the Comprehensive Plan Annual Review process. This analysis should critique the transportation system's performance and identify priorities for future projects and studies. This analysis should use the adopted LRTP and Comprehensive Plan as its beginning point of review. This should be supplemented with monitoring information collected specifically for this evaluative process. Recommendations of potential projects and studies for the continuing planning and capital improvement programming processes [i.e., Annual Work Program, City and County Capital Improvement Programs (CIP), and Transportation Improvement Program(TIP)] should be made part of this report.

Street System Standards

The standards used to evaluate the performance of the urban street system (a.k.a., level of service (LOS)) should include a range of factors. They should reflect the varying character of areas within the community, with standards acknowledging the differences between the older and newer parts of the city. The standards should be measurable, realistic, and easy to understand. Elements defining the level of service should address:

- Average speed (MPH) across an entire travel corridor
- Consistency of travel time
- System connectivity
- Safety (accidents)
- Visual interest
- Travel mode usage

Strategies: Street System Standards

- Develop an expanded set of street and transportation system standards for measuring "level of service" and network performance. These standards should build upon existing data collection and analysis practices, encompass a wide

range of factors, and seek to broaden the perspective of how level of service and network performance is judged. This task should be given to the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Committee as one of their initial assignments.

Network Monitoring and Analysis

In 1996, the Congestion Management Task Force initiated a process to gather average travel speed and delay time along selected streets. As more sophisticated methods have become available, the City of Lincoln has built upon and expanded this approach. The City now has in place an extensive, on-going data collection program. This program collects data on a regular basis for virtually the entire city street network. The following information should be collected during both peak and off-peak conditions:

- Travel time and average speed across entire corridors
- Travel delay at intersections
- Public transportation usage
- Vehicle occupancy
- Accident rates
- Pedestrian and bicycle volumes
- Overall traffic volumes
- Volume of truck traffic
- Turning counts at intersections
- Computer simulations

Strategies: Network Monitoring and Analysis

- Utilize the extensive array of available information and analysis technologies to evaluate the performance of the traffic and transportation system on an annual basis.
- Add new tools, data, and methods as they become available to aid in monitoring the transportation network's performance.

Maintaining Level of Service

Congestion management should be flexible and ongoing. Appropriate public agencies should engage in continual evaluation and response to problems identified in the street system. Many management and operational actions will be undertaken at the departmental level to provide the quickest possible resolution. More serious problems may require a formal study process.

The MPO Technical Committee will serve as the lead in the annual transportation system evaluation process. This task will be founded upon the transportation and land use planning policies and programs in the adopted City-County Comprehensive Plan and LRTP. This effort should be based upon documented data sources and on the full

array of level of service standards. If system performance changes in the system are noted as part of this process, a determination should be made as to whether they are temporary or chronic in nature.

Additional studies may be desirable to identify specific congestion mitigation strategies that appear most reasonable for the particular location. Where deficiencies are identified, the MPO Technical Committee will suggest strategies for congestion mitigation. Strategies may include:

- Intersection improvements
- Additional turn lanes
- Road improvements
- Signalization improvements
- Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) improvements
- Transportation Demand Management (TDM) techniques
- Alternative transportation modes

A broadly based community and agency participation process must be used in conducting any studies recommended through this process. This includes community participation in scope of work definition, data analysis, alternatives evaluation, and the selection of recommendations. The overall monitoring and evaluation process is considered an ongoing effort. It should seek the involvement of applicable stakeholders using a balanced and collaborative study approach. Any studies or recommendations for congestion mitigation must address as a minimum the impacts on the following:

- established neighborhoods
- homes and businesses
- pedestrian and bicycle safety
- public and private trees
- property values of the surrounding area
- access to adjacent properties
- cost of ROW and of purchasing properties
- traffic noise
- accident rates
- budgetary constraints

Strategy: Maintaining Level of Service

- Establish a process for completing the annual evaluation of the transportation system (to include all aspects of the transportation system). This step in the process should be fully described in applicable planing procedural manuals and associated management documents.

Continuing Monitoring and Planning

Studies and improvements that require amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, Capital Improvements Program (CIP), and/or Transportation Improvements Program (TIP) will be brought forward as part of the annual transportation report to be prepared by the MPO Technical Committee as part of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Comprehensive Plan Annual Review process. This analysis will assess the performance of the transportation network and will assist in the identification and prioritization of projects for inclusion in the LRTP, CIP, and TIP.

Strategies: Continuing Monitoring and Planning


- Continue and expand the area's transportation system monitoring and planning program. This should involve the close integration of the planning and capital improvements programming processes.

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To: Kent Morgan, Planning Department
From: Wynn Hjermstad, Urban Development 
Date: February 21, 2002
Subject: Recommended Changes to 2/6/02 Comp Plan Draft

On behalf of the Urban Development Department, please forward the following recommended changes to the February 6, 2002 draft of the *City-County Comprehensive Plan* to the Planning Commission for their consideration. Please call me at 441-8211 or e-mail me at whjermstad@ci.lincoln.ne.us if you have questions. Thank you.

1. F20, first full paragraph, add the following:

"Preservation and renewal of historic buildings, districts, and landscapes is encouraged. Development and redevelopment should respect historical patterns, precedents, and boundaries, in towns, cities, and existing neighborhoods."

2. F37 add, somewhere in the Business and Commerce Section (perhaps on F38 under General Principles for All Commercial and Industrial Uses?):

"Expansion of existing commercial and industrial uses should not encroach on existing neighborhoods and must be screened from residential areas."

3. F42, 9th paragraph, beginning with, "buildings and land uses at the edge of the center should be compatible..." add:

"New or established commercial uses should not encroach upon, or expand into, existing neighborhoods."

4. F49, under Principles for Downtown, change discussion of theater policy to:

"Lincoln's successful Theater Policy must be maintained and reinforced."

NOTE: The suggested change to "must" be maintained strengthens and maintains the current policy. To keep the language as it now is in the draft ("should" instead of "must") could have far reaching impacts. The city is currently negotiating with a developer for the construction of a

downtown entertainment center that will be anchored by a multi screen theater. This change would suggest that the city's support for the theater policy in general and the entertainment center specifically is softening and is counter productive to the efforts of the city to attract a downtown entertainment center.

5. F50, 2nd paragraph., change Antelope Valley discussion:

"Support development and implementation of the Antelope Valley project which is to provide neighborhood revitalization, transportation and stormwater improvements on the east side of Downtown, and the UNL campus, and surrounding neighborhoods. As the Antelope Valley project progresses, ensure that new development is compatible with the existing downtown and is pedestrian oriented. Development in the existing and expanded Antelope Valley and Downtown will maintain the urban environment, including a mix of land uses and residential types. ..."

6. F50, under Guiding Principles for Existing Commercial Centers, 5th paragraph, add:

"Encourage efforts to find new uses for abandoned, under utilized or "brownfield" sites that are contaminated. Brownfield sites should be redeveloped and the environmental hazards associated with them mitigated."

7. F50, under Guiding Principles for Existing Commercial Centers, add:

"Expansion in existing centers should not encroach, or expand to encroach, on existing neighborhoods, and commercial areas must be screened from residential areas."

8. F70, under item 1) on compatible land uses, add:


"Promote the phasing out of incompatible uses over time."

9. P75, under Strategies for Existing Residential Areas, add:

"Implement the housing and neighborhood strategies as embodied in the City of Lincoln Consolidated and Annual Action Plans..."

Memorandum

TO: Kent Morgan, Planning

FROM: Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation 

DATE: March 6, 2002

RE: **Review of the City-County Planning Commission Review Draft of the Proposed Comprehensive Plan**

The purpose of this memo is to provide recommendations regarding revisions to the proposed City-County Comprehensive Plan for review by the Planning Commission. The Comprehensive Plan Committee and Planning Department staff are to be commended for their significant efforts in compiling the vision for the future of our community.

The Futures Committee of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reviewed the Environmental Resources and Parks, Recreation & Open Space elements of the proposed Comprehensive Plan and identified the following recommendations for revisions. During their regular meeting on February 7, 2002, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board unanimously endorsed these two sections of the proposed Comprehensive Plan, including the revisions recommended by the Futures Committee as listed below:

☐ ***PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE*** (Page 134)

It is recommended that a map depicting the general location of future neighborhood parks and community parks be included as an insert into one of the pages in this section. (see attached map)

☐ ***PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE*** (Page 135) Add the following section on Regional Parks which was not included:

Regional Parks

Description

Regional parks are large tracts of land that encompass special or unique facilities and features that are of interest to the diverse groups throughout community. Sites offer opportunities for a variety of activities, a portion of which are generally centered around natural or environmental features. There is generally an emphasis on preserving natural landscape features as an important element of park design. Regional parks primarily provide opportunities for day use activities that may include picnicking, hiking, sports fishing, canoeing and boating, and environmental interpretation and appreciation. Fields and courts for organized sports activities may be secondary uses.

Service Area

Regional parks provide recreation opportunities of interest to diverse groups throughout the community, and may attract visitors from outside the immediate area.

Other Location and Design Criteria

Jensen Park, located southeasterly of Yankee Hill Road and South 84th Street was acquired with the intent of development as a regional park facility in the future. Acquisition and development of additional regional parks within the future urban area associated with Lincoln during the 25 year planning horizon is not anticipated. Rather it is anticipated that the City will work with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the Lower Platte South Natural Resource District (NRD) to provide recreation facilities around the Salt Valley Lakes and other natural resource sites. Ultimately public park areas around the Salt Valley Lakes may gradually transition from management by the Game and Parks Commission to management by the City as the surrounding areas become urbanized. Similarly, some sites presently managed by the Lower Platte South NRD may transition to management by the City as the surrounding area urbanizes. Efforts should be made over time to provide trail access to the Salt Valley Lakes and other natural resource sites via connections to the Salt Valley Heritage Greenway and associated tributary stream corridors.

Strategies

- **Continue to enhance opportunities for interpretation of native landscapes and eco-systems indigenous to eastern Nebraska through acquisition of additional parcels of native prairie and enhancement of visitor facilities at the Pioneers Park Nature Center.**
- **Explore opportunities to provide enhanced water recreation activities at Holmes Lake in Holmes Park.**
- **Develop Jensen Park as a regional park as the surrounding area is urbanized and funding is available. The land should remain in agricultural use in the interim.**
- **Continue to develop a cooperative relationship with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the Lower Platte South Natural Resource District to provide recreation facilities within rural areas of the community.**

☐ *PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE - Neighborhood Park Strategies (page F135) Add the following:*

- **Identify opportunities to acquire and develop neighborhood parks in established neighborhoods that are deficient in neighborhood park resources.**

☐ *PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE - Swimming Pool Location and Design Criteria (page F 137) Revise the second paragraph as follows:*

Other Location and Design Criteria

Attendance at swimming pools reached a peak in the 1970's and has been declining in spite of increasing population in the community and construction of additional swimming pool facilities. The

City aquatics program currently recovers approximately 40 percent of its operating costs, thus the program is subsidized by general tax revenue sources. **The City should maintain its commitment to outdoor water recreation activities, however** no additional neighborhood swimming pools should be constructed in the future. New facilities should be located and designed to serve quadrant areas of the community in the future. **New swimming pool facilities should be readily accessible by pedestrians and bicyclists.**

☐ *PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE - Swimming Pool Strategies* (page F 137)

Add the following text:

- **Relocate Kuklin Pool to a location north of 'O' Street to provide better access to residents living in the Malone, Hartley and Clinton Neighborhoods.**

Discussion: Kuklin Pool was constructed in 1972 as a replacement facility for "Muni Pool". Attendance at the facility has declined dramatically between 1990 and 2000. Kuklin Pool has had the lowest annual attendance of public outdoor pools for the past five years. A structural assessment of the condition of the concrete basin conducted during the Fall of 2001 indicated that there are structural deficiencies with the walls of the deep well. The structural report suggested that a major repair or replacement of the basin will likely be necessary in the next three to five years. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has recommended that a replacement facility be construction at a location north of 'O' Street where it will be more accessible to families and children living the in the Malone, Hartley, and Clinton neighborhoods.

☐ *PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE - Urban Forest Strategies* (page F 139)

Revise two of the strategies as follows:

- Provide financial resources to assure adequate management of public trees, **including development and management of an inventory and associated data base.**
- Investigate development of tree preservation regulations that encourage conservation of trees unique due to species ~~or~~ size, **or location.**

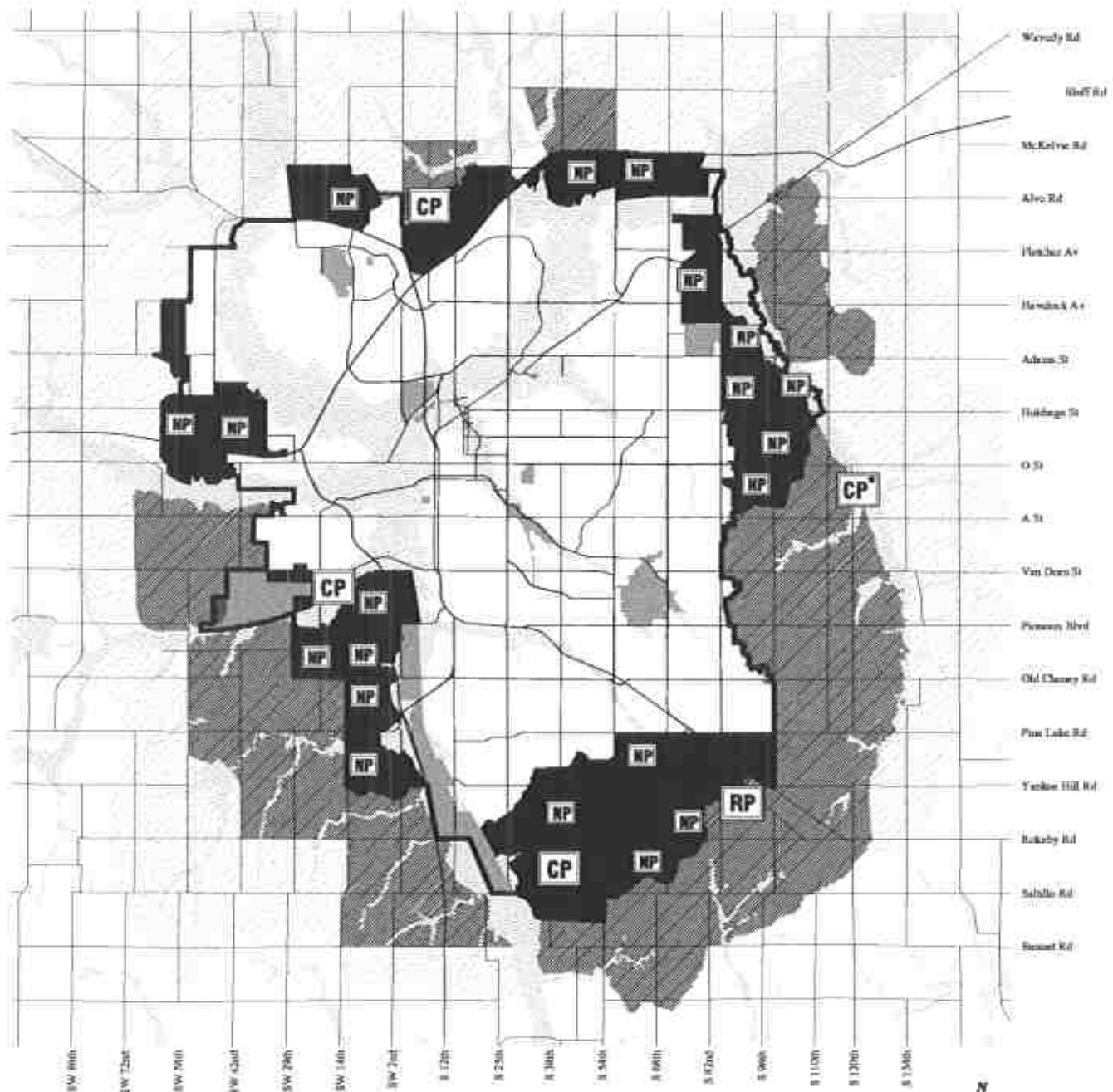
☐ *FINANCIAL RESOURCES - Parks and Trails* (page F150) Revise the text as follows:

Establish a mandatory park land ~~and trail~~ dedication requirement for residential plats, **and a trail dedication requirement for residential plats and commercial developments.**

☐ *PLAN REALIZATION - Subarea Planning* (page F159)

Delete the reference to the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan. The direction provided in the new comprehensive plan supercedes this document.

FUTURE PARKS



LEGEND

- Tier 1
- Tier 2
- Tier 3
- Floodplain
- Future Service Limit
- CP** Community Park
• Designates Community Park Along Stevans Creek
- NP** Neighborhood Park
- RP** Regional Park



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February 26, 2002

TO: Kent Morgan, Assistant Director
Planning Department

FROM: *Carol J. Connor*
Carol J. Connor, Library Director
Lincoln City Libraries

SUBJECT: Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan - Draft

The following comments are in response to the paragraph added to Community Facilities, Lincoln City Libraries, regarding electronic library initiative (F129).

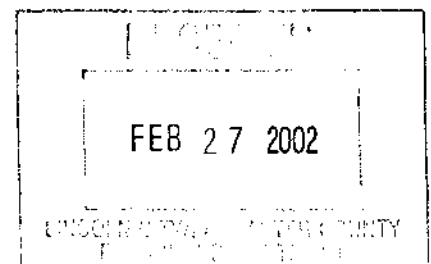
Attached is a letter from Dr. Joan Giesecke, Dean of Libraries, University of Nebraska Lincoln. Also attached is a copy of a letter Donna Ewoldt, Director, Library Media Services, Lincoln Public Schools, sent to the County Planning Committee attention of Kathleen Sellman.

At its February 19, 2002 board meeting, the Board of Trustees, Lincoln City Libraries, approved the following statement as presented by the Library Director.

"Lincoln City Libraries understands the value of electronic resources and the sharing of library resources; however, the Planning Commission needs to understand the limitations and the ramifications of copyright, resource expenses, license restrictions. Within that context, Lincoln City Libraries continues working toward that goal."

Please let me know if you need additional information.

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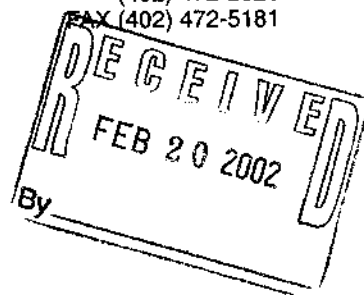
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February 18, 2002

Carol Connor, Director
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Dear Carol,

Thank you for sharing the information from the proposed City/County comprehensive plan about an electronic library initiative. As you know the public and university libraries in the city and county provide links to each other's catalogs and publicly held digital resources. The Nebraska Library Commission also maintains a website that links most of the catalogs and websites for the libraries throughout the state. From our viewpoint, the libraries in this area are already addressing the issue of sharing digital resources and that this issue does not need to appear in the comprehensive plan.

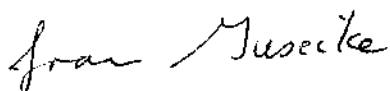
The efforts in the library community to link our electronic resources are long standing. In 1994/95 the Nebraska Library Commission and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries had a joint planning grant from the National Science Foundation to explore options for a statewide electronic library. From those planning sessions the state developed proposals for linking digital resources. For commercially produced databases, the Nebraska Library Commission has negotiated a number of state wide licenses allowing many of the libraries in this area and throughout the state to obtain access to core electronic databases at reduced prices. These databases include the OCLC World Catalog which contains bibliographic information on over 30 million titles, the core education database of articles and reports, and government documents information to name just a few of the subjects covered.

As you also know, any resident of the state of Nebraska over the age of 18 can obtain a borrower's card from the UNL Libraries and can borrow directly from our collections. Residents can also visit the UNL Libraries and access any of our networked resources including those not available for general remote access. For high school students, the school and UNL Libraries have an agreement in place where the schools can obtain borrowing cards for students who need to do in-depth research from a University library collection. In addition, the high schools provide links in their libraries to the Universities catalog and website. Most of the academic libraries in the state participate in a reciprocal borrowers program so students can use the different academic libraries in the area.

In reviewing how we share library resources, one point that I wish to emphasize is that each type of library has a primary mission and clientele that we must serve. The

collections and services in the schools will differ from those in the public library or in a research university. Not all collections in the University library for example are appropriate for use by elementary or high school students. Given our different missions and resources available, we have each reviewed our collections and services, and provide ready access over the Internet to those resources that are of general interest and use or are publicly held and can be made available to the world at large. While we appreciate the interest of the planning commission, we feel that the libraries in the city and county have and continue to address the issue of access to information regardless of its format.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Joan Giesecke
Dean of Libraries

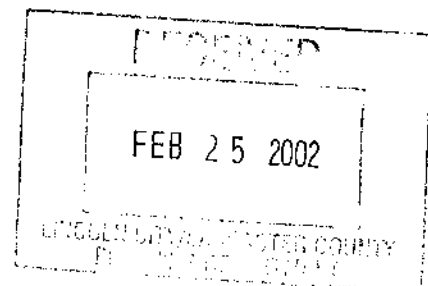


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February 21, 2002

County Planning Committee
Att: Kathleen Sellman
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Lincoln, Nebraska 68508



Dear Ms. Sellman,

It has been called to my attention that a paragraph about an electronic library initiative has been added to the community facilities (library) portion of the Comprehensive Plan currently under discussion.

The paragraph reads, "There should be an electronic library initiative among UNL, LPS, other school districts and public libraries in the County and Lincoln City Libraries to establish mutual access via the Internet to digital library assets."

For purposes of clarification about our school libraries, presently there is electronic access via the Internet to the Lincoln Public Schools database of library media center resources held in 53 locations. This access includes the central office professional library and the video library. From each of these locations, students and staff may also use the Internet to search the catalogs at Lincoln City Libraries as well as UNL. We are currently in the process of implementing new software (iPac) that will provide faster Internet access to the LPS database for both district users and community members. The hardware is already in place. It is expected that the entire system will be fully operational in the next few months.

It is important to note that the issue of mutual electronic access, as reflected by the planning committee statement (above) has been a reality among school, public and university libraries for quite some time. Lincoln City Libraries began providing direct dial-up computer/phone access to LPS school libraries in 1991. LCL continues that service today via the Internet for schools as well as for all members of the community, including UNL. The UNL library automated system (IRIS) has been available electronically to schools, as well as the entire community, since before 1991.

Libraries are further linked through the Nebraska Library Commission, 13th and N St. NLC provides online reference and bibliographic databases to public schools, academic libraries and public libraries across the state. Nebraska citizens are indeed fortunate to have online access to information through their libraries.

I am pleased that the committee recognizes libraries and library cooperative efforts as important community assets that deserve time and planning attention. I hope that LPS can continue to be a partner in providing information via school libraries to our students, staff and members of the community. It would be our goal to support cooperative efforts including electronic access. However, the uncertainties of public school funding and requirements of existing legislation make it difficult for us, as well as community planners, to accurately predict the future of interlibrary digital assets. Perhaps this newly added portion of the comprehensive plan for the Lincoln City Libraries might simply affirm the importance and value of statewide library cooperation, interconnectivity and continued electronic access without being specific about joint electronic initiatives.

I appreciate your interest in planning for libraries and welcome this opportunity for input. I would also be happy to speak to you or the planning committee and/or provide more information as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Donna Ewoldt".

Donna Ewoldt, LPS Director, Library Media Services

Cc: Dr. Philip Schoo, Superintendent
Dr. Marilyn Moore, Associate Superintendent
Carol Connor, Director Lincoln City Libraries
Dr. Joan Geisecke, Dean of Libraries, University of Nebraska